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CHEATING CHARGE NOT SUSTAINED

No Evidence That Medical Student Copied Neighbor's Paper.

Suspicion of cheating fell on one of the young men applying before the State Board of Medical Examiners for license to practice medicine in Virginia yesterday morning, creating no little excitement among the 124 applicants who were working over their papers. It was alleged that one man had been seen copying from his neighbor. The board took the matter up, examined the two papers in question, and found no evidence of copying. In fact, they were entirely dissimilar in their treatment of the subject. The young man under suspicion offered to withdraw from the examination, but the board, after discussion, declined to allow him to do so, deciding that he had been fully exonerated of any suspicion in the matter. Secretary Martin said last night that the board had been fully satisfied that there was no ground for the charge and that the incident had closed by the examination continuing.

The series of examinations being conducted by the State Board will close today. To-day's program embracing the subjects not hitherto gone into, will be as follows:

9 A. M. to 12 noon—Chemistry.

12 noon to 3 P. M.—Pathology and bacteriology.

3 P. M. to 5 P. M.—Theory and practice of medicine.

The papers of the applicants will be taken under advisement by members of the board, and the successful students will be announced in about two weeks by Secretary Martin.

COUNCILMEN TO PLAY

Baseball Game Arranged With Baltimore City Fathers.

Great enthusiasm was shown last night at a meeting of the Council Committee on Baseball. There was no difficulty in securing a quorum. In fact, nearly half the Council was here. Definite arrangements were made for a match game with the Baltimore City Council on Saturday afternoon, July 23. The team and camp followers will leave here Friday afternoon, July 22, going by Old Point to take the Bay Line steamer, and will return from Baltimore by train on Sunday night. Messrs. Pollock and Boschen were named as a special committee on badges. Practice for applicants for places on the councilmanic team will be held under direction of Field Captain Ratcliffe this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at Byrd Park, and also on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at the Broad Street Park. Members of the team will be the guests of the Baltimore Councilmen at an entertainment to be given on the night of the game in Baltimore.

Trial Is Begun.

The suit of Police Captain George W. Epps against William Northrup and Henry T. Wickham, receivers of the Richmond Traction Company and the Virginia Railway and Power Company, successors, was begun yesterday in the Law and Equity Court. The jury was sworn and the evidence partly heard, and the case continued until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Marriage License.

James C. Isom and Miss Lucy Young were yesterday granted a marriage license by the clerk of the Hustings Court.



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CLAIMS BIDDERS ENTERED COMBINE

City Engineer Declares There Was Evidence of Collusion Between Three Contractors.

What is alleged to be collusion between bidders on street paving was reported to the Council Committee on Streets yesterday afternoon by City Engineer Bolling. Members of the committee admitted that the bidders had evidently got together and divided up the work, but nevertheless awarded the contracts in accordance with the bids. The committee had called for bids for paving with granite spalls three separate blocks, one on North Fifth, one on North Third and one on Henry Street. On one block Charles Gasper bid \$1.21 per square yard, three other contractors putting in higher figures. J. C. Weinbrun was the lowest bidder on the next block considered, his offer also being \$1.21 per square yard, with Mr. Gasper bidding \$1.22 on that block. On the third block Thomas A. Barry & Co. bid \$1.21, and both the Weinbrun and Barry bids appeared to be dummy bids at a higher figure.

Each Got One Block.

According to Mr. Bolling, he had evidently been arranged so that each one was to be the lowest bidder on one of the three blocks, thus dividing the work between them. He said that the city last year paid from 85 cents to 90 cents per square yard for granite spall paving, and that the contractors claimed that the increase from 85 cents to \$1.21 was due to the higher cost of labor. J. C. Weinbrun, the only one of the contractors owning their own rock quarry, bid still higher and got none of the work.

Mr. Lynch said that it was very evident that the bidders had got together and combined on a price to be charged, but that the city had herefore been getting a very low price, and that the man who did cheap work did not as a rule do good work. Mr. Zimmermann moved that all the contracts be awarded to the lowest bidders, and the motion was adopted.

RICHMOND JURY COULD NOT AGREE

Thornton Case at Charlotte Courtroom Results in Mistrial.

The jury drawn from Richmond to try the case of E. P. Thornton, former cashier of the Charlotte Banking and Insurance Company, who was charged with embezzlement of the bank's funds and tried in Charlotte county last week and this week until yesterday morning, returned to Richmond last night without agreeing on a verdict. The case had lasted eight days, and the jurors were worn to a frazzle. The jury failed to agree on two points in the case in such a way that it was impossible to reach a verdict. In regard to the embezzlement of bank funds, five of the jurors believed that there was a shortage and that under the instructions of the court they could not acquit. Seven of the jurors did not believe there was a shortage.

The other point on which the jurors were divided was as to Mr. Thornton's sanity. Nine jurors were firmly convinced that Mr. Thornton was mentally incapable and wanted to acquit him of the charge. Three of them thought he was sane and would have brought in a verdict of guilty.

After giving their views as much discussion as possible and having become convinced that they could not agree on a verdict, the jurors reported back to the court yesterday morning and were discharged.

Wanted Something to Eat.

On Sunday morning the foreman of the jury appeared before Judge Hundley and requested that the jury be allowed to go in a body to Drake's branch for the day, under guard, of course.

"Why do you want to go to Drake's branch?" inquired the judge, mildly surprised.

"We want to get something to eat," answered the foreman weakly, and Judge Hundley answered, "Yes."

The foreman went joyfully to his companions and the sheriff went after the vehicles in which they could not trip. In half an hour he returned with disappointment smeared over his face. "There is a colored camp meeting," he said, "a few miles from here and every vehicle has been hired to take them that way down."

The jury which returned to Richmond last night was composed of George Warren John R. Young, John C. Freeman, Fred Valentine, W. C. Bentley, Eugene Jones, Littleton Fitzgerald, Melton Bland, Harvie Clark, Mr. Treadwell and W. A. Thompson.

MAY PROSECUTE CITY OFFICIALS

Knowles and Davis Roundly Scored for Ripping Up Newly Paved Streets.

SLIPSHOD METHODS BAD

City Engineer Bolling and Committee Think Limit Has Been Reached.

On complaint that the City Gas and Water Departments were tearing up city streets to lay pipes, and failing to replace the paving in proper manner, the Council Committee on Streets yesterday afternoon instructed City Engineer Bolling to prosecute the heads of those departments in the Police Court in each instance. Mr. Lynch, patron of the resolution, said that the Street Committee was tired of taking the blame for faulty patching and slipshod work on the streets done by other departments, and that if Superintendent Knowles and Superintendent Davis could not see that their contractors properly replaced the paving, he not only favored personal prosecutions against them, as provided for by the ordinance, but would further permit to those departments to take the blame for the damage they give evidence of improving conditions.

Reached Limit of Patience.

City Engineer Bolling reported to the committee that he had reached the limit of his patience, not only with the city departments, but with other companies authorized to lay pipes and electric conduits in the streets. He said that if the contractors would be prompt and vigorous for failure to replace the streets, he had had written Mr. Knowles and Mr. Davis time without number, getting no satisfaction. Mr. Davis, he said, usually made the repairs after delay, but Mr. Knowles had taken no notice whatever.

He told of specific instances where he had noticed the Water and Gas Departments in writing of the intention of the city to lay parabolic side-walks, and requesting that all house connections be laid out of the way, to have the new paving torn up a few months later for gas pipes.

He mentioned locations where this was the case, and said he had yesterday ordered a paving contractor to suspend the laying of the same thing. He said, had been the case with Thirty-fourth Street, which was paved six months ago with asphalt blocks, as the handsomest complete boulevard in the East End. All city departments and public service companies were notified before the paving was laid and instructed to lay all mains and connections.

Still Ripping Up.

Notwithstanding this notice, only this week an application has come from Mr. Knowles, Superintendent of the Gas Works, to tear up the new paving in a number of places to lay gas pipes and house connections. Several members of the committee expressed their indignation at the laxity of the city departments and the cost of taxpayers of having such work done again and again, not to mention the patchwork effect and tendency to sink, to which Mr. Bolling objected. Some interesting test cases may be expected shortly to demonstrate whether the Engineer's department and the Committee on Streets really have control of the streets, or whether they may be dug at will by other city departments to lay pipes, regardless of the slipshod manner in which contractors for the city replace the paving.

Hustings Court Cases.

In the Hustings Court yesterday Arthur Mayer, colored, was acquitted on a charge of maliciously wounding Anderson Ford, colored.

For assaulting and beating Irene Hawkins, colored, Lella Coles, colored, was yesterday sentenced to sixty days in jail in the Hustings Court.

Checking Work Ends.

Inspectors finished checking the Richmond post-office yesterday. Everything was in excellent shape, and Postmaster Allan is well satisfied with things in general. The inspectors left last night.

PROLONGS AGONY FOR HAMILTON

Slayer of Mrs. Hicks Gets One Week's Respite on Eve of His Execution.

GOES TO HIS DEATH JULY 1

Governor Declines to Commute Sentence After Hearing Armstrong.

After announcing early in the day that he would not pardon him, Governor Mann at 7 o'clock last night granted a respite of seven days to Angelo Hamilton, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Sallie Hicks, near Lynchburg, in order that relatives from North Carolina might come here for a last visit. Hamilton had already been placed in the death cell in the penitentiary and expected to die at daybreak this morning in the electric chair.

The message of respite to July 1 was taken to him by Private Secretary Ben P. Owen and Superintendent J. B. Wood, of the penitentiary. Governor Mann has had under advisement phases of the case for some months and has heard from many delegations in behalf of the prisoner, the latest being John Armstrong, the convicted murderer on the night of the shooting. On his return from the Virginia Military Institute commencement yesterday morning the Governor indicated that he would not again interfere with the course of the law. Last night, however, he granted the man a week's respite in order that his relatives, who, it seems, had counted on his receiving a commutation or reprieve, might pay him a final visit.

Tried Three Times.

Hamilton is a native of North Carolina, having been born in or near Durham about twenty-five years ago. He was a cotton mill hand and roamed for years from one cotton mill to another throughout the State. He was tried three times in Lynchburg for the murder of Mrs. Hicks, on Knitting Mill Hill, there having been a hung jury at the first two trials. His original sentence was for death on February 15, but he has already been several times respite by the Governor. Hamilton had a wife and two children in North Carolina, from whom he was separated. He had become infatuated with Mrs. Hicks, and on the fatal night followed her to a dance, threatening her life if she did not leave.

She started and he followed. Before she reached home the shooting occurred. One of several shots severed the main artery of her chest. She was taken to the City Hospital, where she made an ante-mortem statement charging Hamilton with her murder, and died a few weeks later.

HELD AS FIREBUGS

Two Negroes Are Suspected of Recent Crime in Jackson Ward.

Held on suspicion of attempting to burn the occupants of three houses, Robert Johnson and Thomas Payne, colored, are locked up at the First Police Station, upon complaint of Sergeant of Detectives Wiley and Keltam, who arrested them in Glinter Park yesterday afternoon.

The police discovered that the side of the house of Carrie Johnson, wife of one of the prisoners, who lives at 708 West Duval Street, was saturated with kerosene oil and set afire about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. Willie Johnson, a small colored boy, who was sleeping in the house, was scorched by the flames.

The other houses where the fire frightened the occupants were at 708 Gilmer Street and 709 North Fourth Street. At the Gilmer Street house two negroes were seen running away a few minutes before the blaze was discovered.

Detectives Wiley and Keltam were detailed on the case. They soon secured enough evidence to justify them in arresting Johnson and Payne. The prisoners deny that they tried to burn the houses.

Carolians at the Jefferson.

Two prominent South Carolinians were guests of the Jefferson yesterday—Leroy Springs, a well-known capitalist and cotton mill president, and Dr. George B. Croner, former president of Newberry College.

ACADEMY TO GET SHARE OF STARS

Independents Completely Rout Syndicate After Long Theatrical War.

BIG VICTORY FOR WELLS

Fear of Being Sued on Contracts Forced Trust to Surrender.

News printed in The Times-Dispatch yesterday morning that the theatrical syndicate had been whipped by the independents and that the Academy of Music would be open in the fall to syndicate and independent attractions alike, brought a great deal of satisfaction to theatre patrons who have long rebelled against trust methods. Instead of being frozen out for his determined stand, Jake Wells, general manager of the Leath Circuit, wins a clean victory, and conditions hereafter will be far different from what they were a year ago.

When Henry W. Savage announced that he would send his big productions where he pleased, the Klaw & Erlanger faction was routed. It was like the straw that broke the camel's back. Then there were conferences, after which it was announced that the syndicate and independents had agreed, for business reasons, to pool their interests. Savage hasn't forgotten the fact that the syndicate cleaned out a quarter of a million dollars for booking "The Merry Widow" when Savage could have booked it himself without paying such heavy toll.

One Other Factor.

But there was another factor at work. Being under contract for a term of ten years, the syndicate had already booked many attractions in Richmond, Norfolk and other cities before the recent war broke out. The independents got hold of these contracts, prepared to enter suit for recovery on each, if the syndicate carried out its boycott threat. There was nothing to do except to compromise, especially as the independents had the upper hand and more attractions to send out from New York than the opposition.

Jake Wells will return to Richmond from New York to-morrow. Having satisfactorily arranged all matters, he is prepared to announce that the next Academy season will be of the banner type. Every star that goes out from Broadway will come here.

BROAD STREET LIGHTS

Mayor Signs Appropriation Ordinance. Ready by Christmas.

Mayor D. C. Richardson yesterday returned to City Clerk Ben T. August with his approval of the ordinance appropriating \$25,000 for ornamental street lighting on Broad Street. It will not be necessary, it is stated, to advertise for bids for the work, which will merely be an extension of the present contract and will go forward as rapidly as possible. Chairman E. Douglas Richardson said that machinery is being installed at the power plant. The contractor for the distribution system has four months' time in which to complete that part of the work, and it is now believed that the power-house will be completed and tested before that time expires. The Broad Street merchants expect the new illuminants in time for the holiday trade.

DIED FROM HEAT

First Victim of Summer Was Stricken While at Work.

Overcome by the heat while working at his trade in the construction of a warehouse for S. T. Beveridge & Co. at Seventh and Byrd Streets, Ernest Lynn Brown, a carpenter, forty years old, collapsed yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, and died a short time afterwards.

The city ambulance was summoned and the stricken man was hurried to the hospital. Dr. Tabor rendered medical attention, but could not revive the patient. He died without regaining consciousness.

Brown was employed by James Fox & Sons, contractors. His home was in Fulton.

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PICTURE IS RETURNED

Patrick Henry's Portrait in Library Now at Red Hill.

Visitors to the exhibit room at the State Library will hereafter miss the fine portrait of Patrick Henry, painted by Sully in the early years of the last century. It was loaned to the State in 1902 by Mrs. Marshall Bland Harrison, the nearest living descendant of Patrick Henry, and has been returned to her by State Librarian Melville at her request. Mrs. Harrison is a daughter of William Wirt Henry, grandson of the famous Virginia patriot. She lives at the home of Patrick Henry, Red Hill.

The portrait is a very valuable one, having been painted from a miniature of Patrick Henry made in 1796, just a few years prior to his death. It was the property of William Wirt Henry, who gave it to his daughter, Mrs. Harrison, the present owner.

Bathed in Fountain.

For taking a cold plunge in the fountain in Jefferson Park Wednesday night, Roy Melton, of 1206 North Twenty-first Street, and Percy Lane, of 204 Venable Street, will be arraigned in Police Court this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Bicycle Policeman B. H. Werner and the boys enjoying themselves in the cooling water of the basin in nature's garb.

STOCKED WITH FISH

Government Sends Consignment for Lake in Bryan Park.

A large consignment of game fish was received by City Engineer Bolling yesterday morning from the United States government fisheries at Wytheville, Va., and at once transferred to the lake in Joseph Bryan Park, formerly known as Young's Pond. Mr. Bolling says that the stock furnished consists of small fish for breeding purposes, and that the pond should be thoroughly protected until next season, when it may be that fishing will be allowed there under certain restrictions.

SECOND COMPLAINT OF BRAUER'S SLAUGHTER HOUSE

For the second time within a month, William C. Brauer, owner of a slaughterhouse in Henrico county, was summoned before Justice Crutchenfeld yesterday to explain why offensive odors are wafted into Fairmount Park.

Brauer said that the city and private property owners are responsible for the condition of the pond. Justice Crutchenfeld immediately summoned Mayor Richardson, City Attorney Pollock, City Engineer Bolling and Chief Health Officer Levy to appear before him. A conference was held and steps for abating the nuisance will be taken at once. Culvert will probably be constructed.



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